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Letter dated 29 May 2007 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Pursuant to paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 1747 (2007), the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations has the honour to present a report on the steps that the People's Republic of China has taken with a view to implementing effectively paragraphs 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of that resolution (see annex).

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Report of China on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1747 (2007)

1. China supports the adoption by the Security Council of resolution 1747 (2007). The adoption of this resolution contributes to upholding the international nuclear non-proliferation regime and international and regional peace and stability, and promotes diplomatic efforts for the peaceful resolution of the Iranian nuclear issue.

As a permanent member of the Security Council, China has always faithfully implemented the Council's resolutions in a responsible manner, and has developed effective operating mechanisms and practices in that regard. China is strictly implementing Security Council resolution 1737 (2006), and has submitted its report on implementation of the resolution to the Security Council on a timely basis. Following the adoption of resolution 1747 (2007) by the Security Council, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China promptly issued a circular to all ministries and the foreign affairs offices of the People's Governments of all provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the central Government, as well as the Governments of the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions, informing them of this resolution and the reason for its adoption, and requesting that they implement conscientiously the resolution in accordance with law. To date, no violation of the resolution has been discovered.

2. Under the principle of "one country, two systems", China's central Government is responsible for the defence of and foreign affairs relating to the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions, while the two Regions are vested with executive power, legislative power, and independent judicial power, including that of final adjudication. The two Regions will adopt, in accordance with the circular of the central Government, their own laws and regulations for the thorough implementation of resolution 1737 (2006).

3. We hope that the resolution will be fully implemented. At the same time we hold that sanctions are not an end, but a means of making Iran return to negotiation. Imposing sanctions and exerting pressure alone will not resolve the problem; diplomatic negotiation remains the best option. This is the consensus of the international community. The sanctions measures provided for in Security Council resolutions 1747 (2007) and 1737 (2006) are limited and reversible. If Iran suspends its uranium enrichment and reprocessing activities, and complies with the relevant resolutions of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Security Council, the Security Council will suspend or even lift the sanctions. China calls upon all the parties concerned to continue responsible, constructive and comprehensive diplomatic efforts to strengthen dialogue and exchange of views, increase confidence and remove mistrust, demonstrate full flexibility, address each other's concerns, and seek creative ways to resume negotiations, so as to achieve a long-term, comprehensive and appropriate settlement. China will continue to make constructive efforts towards achieving this goal.